

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 16: Cancelled

17. (Currently Amended) A belt shaft retractor having a blocking system that is controlled in a vehicle sensitive and/or belt strap sensitive manner, and also having a tensioning device, which acts on the belt shaft, for carrying out a reversible pretensioning of a vehicle occupant, comprising:

a spiral toothing that meshes with an external toothing of the belt shaft;

a fixed counter-bearing wherein said spiral toothing is supported against said counter-bearing such that upon an occurrence of an axial loading of said spiral toothing directed against said counter-bearing due to a load acting upon said belt shaft in a belt withdrawal direction, a rotation of said spiral toothing, for receiving a torque applied by said belt shaft is prevented via a support force;

a friction-increasing component disposed between said counter-bearing and a first thread of said spiral toothing; and.

an electric motor as a tensioner drive, wherein said electric motor is adapted to be coupled to said belt shaft via said spiral toothing, wherein said electric motor is adapted to act upon a carrier shaft, ~~and~~ wherein said spiral toothing is fixedly disposed on said carrier shaft (18), and wherein said spiral toothing is not self-locking.

18. (Previously Presented) A safety belt retractor according to claim 17, wherein said spiral toothing is coupled to a drive shaft of said electric motor via a miter-wheel gearing.

19. (Previously Presented) A safety belt retractor according to claim 18, wherein said miter-wheel gearing is embodied as a crown wheel gear mechanism.

20. (Previously Presented) A safety belt retractor according to claim 18, wherein said spiral toothing is formed on a carrier shaft, and wherein said carrier shaft is connected to the miter-wheel gearing.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) A safety belt retractor according to claim 17, wherein said friction-increasing component is a spacer disk of a material having a non-linear coefficient of friction.

23. (Withdrawn) A safety belt retractor according to claim 17, wherein said friction-increasing component is a bearing disk that deforms axially and elastically as load increases.

24. (Withdrawn) A safety belt retractor according to claim 17, wherein a surface of said counter-bearing that faces said spiral toothing is provided with a conical recess, and wherein disposed on said carrier shaft is a conical friction body that has a corresponding shape and is made of an elastic material.

25. (Withdrawn) A safety belt retractor according to claim 17, wherein a compression spring is disposed between said counter-bearing and said spiral toothing, and wherein said carrier shaft and said counter-bearing are provided with latching structures that interlock during an axial displacement of said carrier shaft.

26. (Withdrawn) A safety belt retractor according to claim 17, wherein said spiral toothing is formed on a carrier shaft, and wherein an end face of said carrier shaft is supported against a shank of a drive shaft of said electric motor.

27. (Withdrawn) A safety belt retractor according to claim 17, wherein a crown wheel toothing of a crown wheel gear mechanism that is effective between a drive shaft of said electric motor and a carrier shaft on which is formed said spiral toothing has a multi-stage configuration such that during an axial loading of said carrier shaft, a transmission of said crown wheel gear mechanism changes.

28. (Currently Amended) A safety belt retractor according to claim 17, wherein said electric motor is designed with a performance range for applying a holding moment to aid aids in prevention of rotation of said spiral toothing.

29. (Previously Presented) A safety belt retractor according to claim 28, wherein said holding moment of said electric motor is adjustable via a motor control as a function of load acting on said belt shaft in a belt withdrawal direction.

30. (Previously Presented) A safety belt retractor according claim 20, wherein said carrier shaft, which carries said spiral toothing, on an end thereof opposite said miter-wheel gearing is held in a first bearing, and wherein in a region between said spiral toothing and said miter-wheel gearing said carrier shaft is mounted in a thrust bearing that is surrounded by said fixed counter-bearing in the form of a bearing housing.

31. (Previously Presented) A safety belt retractor according to claim 30, wherein said thrust bearing is embodied as a cup-shaped bearing.

32. (Previously Presented) A safety belt retractor according to claim 30, wherein said bearing housing forms said counter-bearing for said spiral toothing.